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ブレイドとアークライト、運命の戦いに決着!? 大爆発を起こし、姿を消した二人。残されたクルスは廃墟の中から新たな友を得て、散り散りになった仲間たちを探すために旅立つ。クルスが探索行の中、巡り合う事件とは!?

第三次大戦後、ブラックスポットと呼ばれるようになった未来の東京を舞台に繰り広げられる能力者（ニードレス）たちのバトル巨編も8巻目突入！ この巻からはクルスを主人公にした新章・冒険篇がスタートだ！

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STORY

第三次大戦後、東京は戦災により長大な壁で隔離され、ブラックスポットと呼ばれるようになっていた。そこでは超人的なさまざまな能力を持つ「ニードレス」たちが生まれ、戦いをくり広げていた――。

巨大企業シメオンの総帥にしてニードレスの力を持つアダム・アークライトは、配下の「シメオン四天王」と共にブラックスポットの支配を目論む。

シメオンに抵抗する解放軍の少年・クルスは、追跡をまぬがれようと偶然出会った暴力神父・ブレイドの元へ身を隠す。シメオンの追っ手は、ブレイドと相棒の少女・イヴを襲うが、二人もまたニードレスであった。追っ手を撃破されたものの、ブレイドの事を知ったアークライトは、ブレイドの身体を奪い、壊れゆく自らの肉体とすげ替えようと考える。

一方、ブレイドは解放軍の協力者であった情報屋ディスクを味方につけるが、シメオンの少女部隊にイヴを連れ去られてしまう。イヴを追い、シメオンの本拠地に乗り込んだブレイドたちは、少女部隊を撃破。イヴの救出に成功したものの、彼らの前に立ちはだかったのは四天王・左天とクルスの姉・アルカだった!

死闘の末にアルカを破ったブレイドだが、ついに現れたアークライトの力は強大で、戦力差は歴然! だが、同じ「神」の遺伝子を持つ者のみに起こる「逆拒絶反応」が二人の間で生じ、記憶の共有化や獲得能力の喪失などの異変が起こる…! はたして、ブレイドとアークライト、最後に生き残るのはどちら!?

キャラクター紹介

ブレイドとその仲間

ブレイド

「神」のクローンを作る「アダム・プロジェクト」から生み出された唯一の成功体。他のニードレスの能力を覚える『ZERO』の能力を持つ。

イヴ

「アダム」の伴侶を作るべく計画された「イヴ・プロジェクト」から生まれた。「変身（ドッペルゲンガー）」の能力を持つ。

クルス

解放軍の一員だった少年。ニードレスではないが、抜群の推理力で敵の罠を見破る。アルカに瀕死の重傷を負わされるが、イヴに救われる。

ギド

本名・六道銀（りくどうぎん）。ブレイドたちの面倒を見る初老の科学者。元「アダム・プロジェクト」の研究者の一人。

ディスク

半機械（ハーフ）の情報屋。外見は幼女のようだが、実年齢は百歳以上。ブレイドたちの知恵袋。

照山

「炎」の能力を持つ。喧嘩っ早いが、熱い心意気のニードレス。

セト

「重力」の能力を持つ。ギルドに所属するトラブルシューター。

ソルヴァ

「磁力」の能力を持つ。元は略奪稼業だったが、現在はギルド構成員。

シメオン

アルカ

クルスの姉。解放軍の幹部で、死んだと思われていた。実は四天王の一人。分子振動の能力を持つ。

左天

四天王の一人。「熱」を吸収、放出する能力「第四波動」を持つ。一匹狼的なふるまいの多い謎の男。

離瑠

四天王の一人。アークライトの右腕的存在。最強の能力「サイコキネシス」を持つ。

アークライト

シメオン総帥。「アダム・プロジェクト」により作られた「神」のクローン。失敗作だったが生き延び、「キリストセカンド」の遺体を吸収し、現在に至る。

梔

梔（くちなし）

少女部隊の一員。「香」の能力を持つ。なぜかスケッチブックを使って会話する。離瑠のことが好きらしい。

未央

少女部隊の一員。「力」の能力を持つ。クマ（本人いわく「ウサギ」）にしか見えない不気味なぬいぐるみを抱いている。

セツナ

少女部隊の一員。「速」の能力を持つ。世話焼きで気が強く、3人の中ではお姉さん的キャラ。縞パンがトレードマーク。

ガチャ

OHHHHH

NO WAY...

THE SHELTER'S PROTECTIVE GLASS IS...

!

AHH!

ARCLIGHT-SAMA!

WHAT'S THAT?!

UOH
HHH
HHH

YOU'RE RIGHT...

...

NOW THAT MY POWERS HAVE BEEN DISABLED...

I CAN'T CONTINUE REGENERATING... WITH THE STRENGTH I HAVE LEFT...

WHAT?!

A GRAVE ERROR.

BUT YOU HAVE MADE

The astronomically small chance of winning you had...

YOU JUST LOST IT!

THE REAL REASON FOR HAVING THIS EVENT HERE TODAY...

YOU DIDN'T TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT...

SHUT UP, YOU HALF-DEAD PIECE OF SHIT!

guh

SOME-
THING'S
FALLING!

WHAT
IS IT?!

gya
ahh
hhh

FATHER!

uwahh

gya
hhh

WHAT?!

EO
EO

EO
EO

FU

HA HA HA HA HA

GYAHHHHHH

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?!

DAHHHHHHHH!

BUHAH

IT'S LIKE BEFORE... WHEN HE FUSED WITH THE HOLY REMAINS OF THE SECOND CHRIST!

SHIT.

BLADE!

SHIT! HE ATE PEOPLE FROM THE EVENT AND REGENERATED!

RELEASE!

THIS IS...

YOU CAN'T STOP ME.

NOW THAT I'M THIS POWER-FUL...

...

キャアア

BLADE, I HOPE THAT YOUR BODY...

NO...

THAT EVEN JUST A FRACTION OF IT REMAINS!

WH— WHAT?!

HE CAN'T USE REGENERATIVE POWERS HE DOESN'T ALREADY HAVE!

NO, IT'S A POWER HE ALREADY HAS...

BUT ANOTHER ONE!

YOU MEAN...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

DID YOU FORGET?

POSITIVE FEEDBACK! (PF Zero)

POSITIVE FEEDBACK ULTIMATELY BECOMES A BIG BANG!

AND RELEASE A SMALL BIG BANG!

HE'S GOING TO BUILD UP PF ZERO INSIDE HIM...

WE'RE...

IF HE DOES THAT...

NO WAY!

I'LL REDUCE THE IMPACT WITH MY GRAVITY!

ALL RIGHT!

BUT...

WE'RE DOZENS OF STORIES UP!

YEAH!

SHIT! LET'S GO!

YES!

HEY! YOU GUYS COME TOO! YAMADA!

GRAVI-TON!

COMABUNGA

YAHHHHHHHHH

ЦОНН

GYRO GRAVITA-TION!

MAGNETIC WORLD: ANTI-TENTACLE!

HAH HHH

IF YOU LOST YOUR POWERS,

THEN MEMORIZE THEM AGAIN!

BLADE!

VULCAN SHOCK

LITTLE BOY!

UHHH

VULCAN SHOCK

LITTLE BOY!

DID IT WORK?

IT...

DIDN'T WORK!

IT CAN'T BE!

OF NOT HAVING EVOLVED TO BE STRONGER THAN ME BEFORE THINKING ABOUT FIGHTING ME!

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED

THE LAST RESIST-ANCE.

GOOD-BYE,

RIRU.

エデンズシード解放!!!

EDEN'S SEED RELEASE

TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

YES.

GUOO
OAH
HH

Do you...

FATHER...

Having met me...

regret it?

WHAT?

...NO

IF I TELL HIM THAT, HE'LL HIT ME!

I feel like I've forced you onto a very difficult road

I've thought this for a while now

If you hadn't met me, you wouldn't have met Arc.ight

or been dragged into this battle

YOU WILL FIND OBSTA-CLES...

ON ANY PATH.

!

His eyes weren't looking at me

They were looking beyond me, into the distance

I'm not ready

to exterminate him

FATHER!!

...

THIS IS...

110F

110F...

WHERE IS EVERYONE?!

...

EVE-SAN! TERUYAMA-SAN!

GRAMPS! DISC-SAN! SETO-SAN! SOLVA-SAN!

WHAT...

WHAT HAPPENED TO EVERYONE?!

ANY-BODY...

FATHER...

PEW PEW

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DON'T GO...

FATHER...

FATHER!!!

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I...

LOST CONSCIOUS -NESS ...

OH...

RIGHT...

I WONDER WHERE THIS IS...

THESE RUINS...

Uh...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE NEVER BEEN ALONE BEFORE...

THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMEONE PROTECTING ME...

.....

I GUESS... I'M ALONE NOW..

WHAT AM I... SUPPOSED TO DO NOW...?

I'M POWER -LESS AND ALL ALONE...

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN SURVIVE ...!

ﾚﾚﾚﾚﾚﾚ

!

SOMEONE'S COMING...!!

S...

COULD IT BE... A ROGUE...!?

FOOT -STEPS COMING UP THE STAIRS.

IF I'M CAUGHT ...

THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF ME IN TWO SECONDS!

WHAT WILL I DO!?

I RAN AWAY ALL THE WAY HERE...

OW!!

HIDE!!

MY BODY... WON'T MOVE!!!

NO!!

I'M DONE FOR!!!

I...

STEP

EEEEEEEEEE!!

NYA!

がしゃ

...

Ah.

I tripped...

auu

...

MIO CHAN!?

MI... MIMIMI ...

HUH?

I... CAN'T STAND UP...

What's up, Cruz-kun?

な〜な〜な〜

You're awake?

Oh!

ぽえ

Great!

UH... THANKS...

Here's Mio's Special Soup!

It's a secret!

WHERE DID THE INGREDIENTS COME FROM...

...I don't really know.

WHY ARE YOU...

OH, YEAH! WHAT HAPPENED? CAN YOU TELL ME?

ARCLIGHT'S PF ZERO!!!

But when we tried to go there, there was a sudden white explosion...!!

We were in the medical room, but we heard that something was up where Arclight-sama was fighting with you...

MIO-CHAN WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE...

THANKS TO HER HARD HEAD...

OH...

When I woke up... I had been blasted far away from the Simeon building...

WHAT!?

And you were stuck in the ground, so I took care of you.

You took forever to wake up, so I thought you were dead.

Yeah.

YOU... TOOK CARE OF ... ME?

YOUR HANDS... THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT 3.

About 3 days?

Um...

HOW LONG WAS I OUT OF IT FOR?

.....

I'M YOUR ENEMY... WHY...!!

BUT... YOU TOOK CARE OF ME FOR 3 DAYS?

You can see it from here.

...EH

THE SIMEON BUILDING...

IT'S SO...

Ah...!

IT'S STILL RAVAGED...

Riru-sama protected most of the building with psychokinesis but...

WHY JUST ME...!!

HOW DID WE SURVIVE...!

WE WERE THERE...

When the explosion happened ...

I saw someone's gentle hand.

WHAT?

Someone...

protected you.

Someone wanted to protect you.

So... you're alive.

COULD IT BE...?

EVERYONE'S ALREADY...!!

SOMEONE... HELPED ME SURVIVE!?

...I don't know

NO WAY!!

THEN WHAT ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE?

OH... YEAH.

Cruz-kun, are you okay?

I'M FINE.

.....

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

MIO CHAN ...

HERE.

MY WATCH ...

LUM... I CAN TELL YOU THE GENERAL DIRECTION.

GOOD, IT'S NOT BROKEN.

I want to go north of the Simeon building, but...

Hmm...

YOU POINT THE SHORT HAND TO THE SUN...

AND HALFWAY BETWEEN THAT AND 12 IS SOUTH.!!

I don't know which way that is.

What about you, Cruz-kun?

DID THAT HELP?

Awesome, Cruz-kun!

SO NORTH IS THAT WAY.

THEY'RE PROBABLY JUST SCATTERED LIKE US...

I'LL LOOK FOR EVERYONE ELSE.

THEY'VE GOT TO BE ALIVE!

I'll go with you, Cruz-kun!

That sounds fun,

So...

.....

I HAVE NO WORDS.

But if I leave you here you'll be killed in two seconds.

REALLY? DON'T YOU... HAVE TO GO BACK? WON'T THE REST OF THE GIRL SQUAD WORRY ABOUT YOU!?

Hm.

EEEEEEEE!?

THANKS!

ONIICHAN

So I'll go with you ☆ until you meet oniichan!

AH...

Even though I didn't know!

You told me which way was north.

That's not true!

I REALLY CAN'T DO ANYTHING ON MY OWN...

HUH?

I DON'T HAVE ANY LEADS ON FINDING EVERYONE ANYWAY.

SO I'LL GO WITH YOU FIRST.

YEAH.

But, in exchange... will you come somewhere with me first?

Then let's go.

Cruz-kun!

YEAH!

UWAAAAAA

Adventure chapter...

HUH?

I'M OKAY...

Are you all right?

Start!

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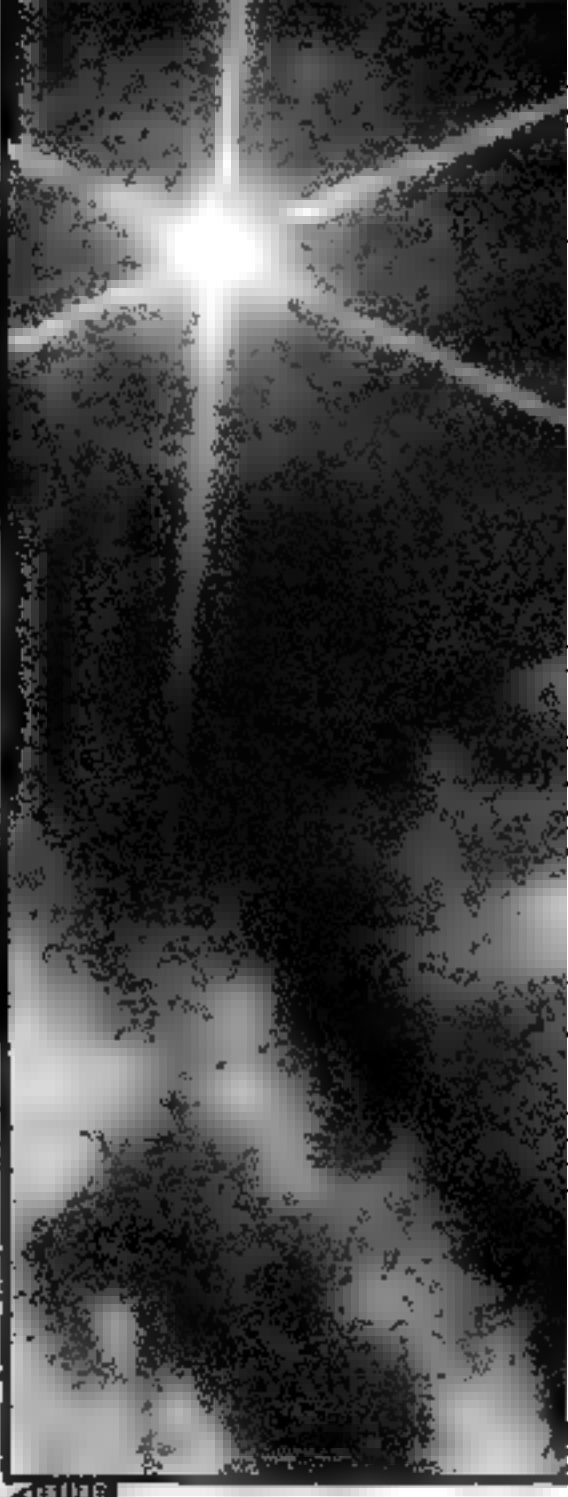

That's right.
DOLLMAKER? LIKE, SOMEONE WHO MAKES DOLLS?
Umm, the dollmaker's house.

WHERE DID YOU WANT TO GO ?
MIO-CHAN.

AHH!
ごぉん ごぉん
See, bunny-chan is all beat up.
ゴゴゴゴ

SO... HOW FAR IS IT FROM HERE?

Umm...

It's a bunny.

OH, SORRY... I STILL DON'T SEE A RABBIT.

BUT SOMEONE ACTUALLY MADE THAT, HUH?

I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS A BEAR.

If we walk...

Umm...

I always went by Testament, so I don't really know, but...

THAT'S TOO FAR!

About one day?

I'll make some of Mio-chan's Special Soup!

WHERE ARE YOU PUTTING THOSE...? OH, I'LL DO IT.

YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH, MIO-CHAN!

We're camping out here tonight!

HUH?

Cruz-kun, you can do everything!

ほか

ほか

I'VE NEVER BEEN TOLD THAT BEFORE.

I...

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN CHARGE OF COOKING AND STUFF.

This is delicious.

THAT IS ABSOLUTELY TRUE.

...Besides fighting.

Hey, hey, Cruz-kun!

YES?

The lake over there has clean water..

THEN I'LL CLEAN THIS POT.

Yeah!

Let's take a bath together!

Okay, I'll go. ☆

WAIT!! DON'T TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES HERE!

おばちゃーん

Really?

MO-CHAN YOU GO FIRST.

AH!?

IT... IT'S OKAY.

I... I'LL STAY ON WATCH HERE.

がちゃがちゃ

SIGH...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M JOURNEYING ACROSS THE BLACK SPOT WITH MIO-CHAN...

THINGS ARE GETTING WEIRD...

パチ

パチ

EVERYONE'S GOT TO BE ALIVE!

THAT WASN'T JUST A DREAM!!

EVERYONE ...

ARE THEY OKAY...?

I need to stay strong!!

I'll see them again!

DON'T LOOK DON'T LOOK DON'T LOOK

Come on!

Cruz-kun! This feels great!

WE'VE FOUND...

HMM..

TODAY'S TARGET.

PEW PEW

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#52 ADVENTURE DOLL II

THE STARS ...

ARE PRETTY

パチ

パチ

FATHER...

ドドド

IT'S ...

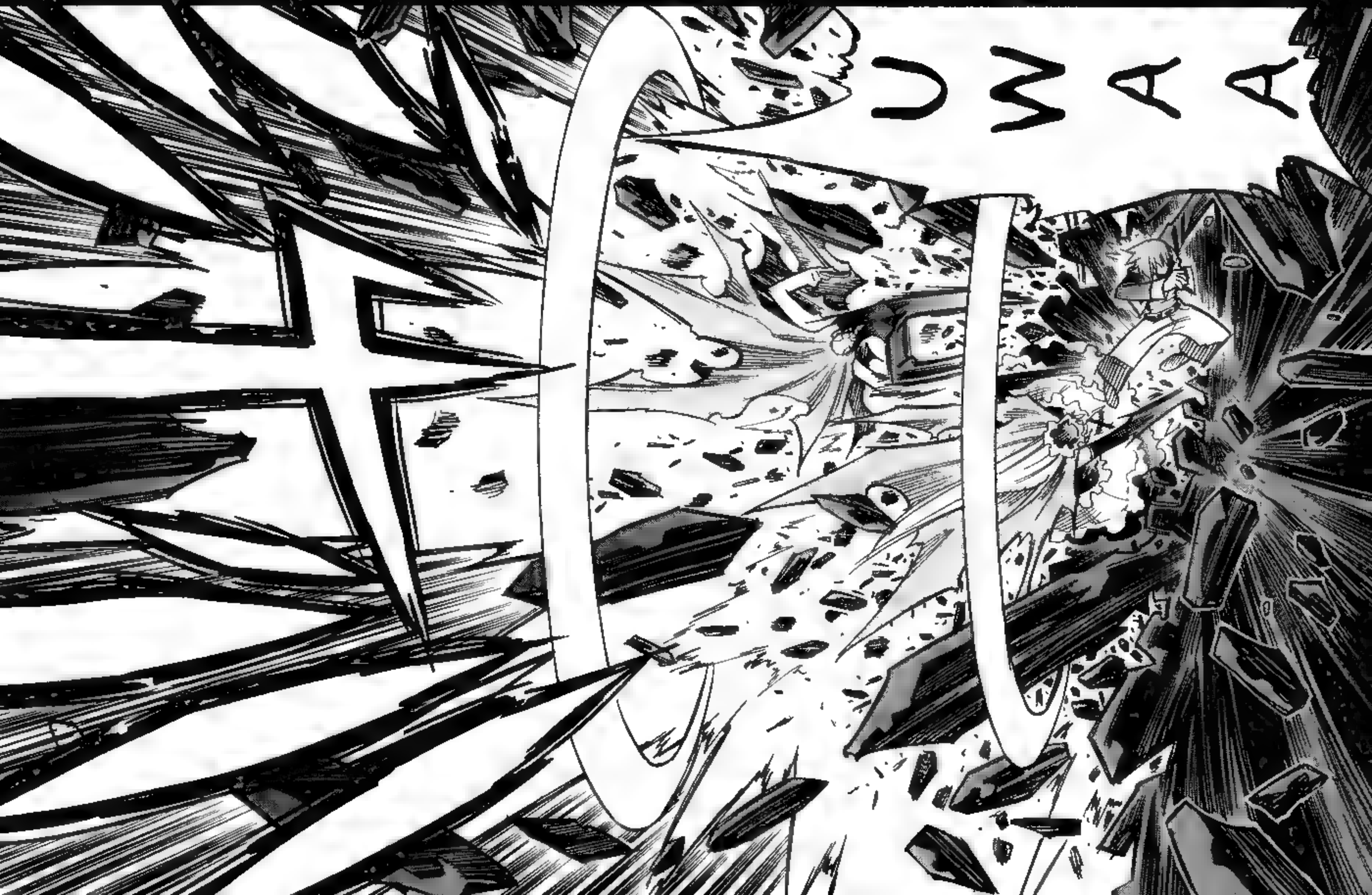
GETTING BIGGER, I THINK ...

WAIT...

THAT STAR...

HUH?

WHA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OW

BQ

QT

...DIE

BRAT

WHO ARE YOU!?

WHA...

WA

WA

WA

!!

Haaaaa!!

GUFO

KICK

MIO-CHAN KICK!!!

OH... THANKS!!

Are you all right, Cruz-kun?

!!
OH?
A NEED-LESS, I SEE.
!!
HE JUST TOOK THAT ATTACK...
NO WAY...
A HALF !?

WE ARE "ARTIFICAL BEINGS" THAT POSSESS PERFECT BRAIN CIRCUITRY!

FU FU ...

WE'RE NOT THAT PATHETIC

FOR FRESH HUMAN TISSUE!

=F...

BUT... IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THIS BODY... WE NEED CHILDREN LIKE YOU...

Yep!!

MIO-CHAN!

YOUR MEAT ...

IS OURS!

MIO-CHAN HYPER SPEED BALL!!

NU!

ALL

ブルズ…

ゴゴゴゴ…

ガシ…

This is...

ビリビリ

ヒュ

!!

YES SIR

LET'S GO QT!

Ahh my bunny!

……

!

....
AH...

MIO-CHAN! WE HAVE TO STOP THEM!

YOUR BEAR!

THEY'RE GONE...

.....

ナナナナ。。

that grand-pa...

Is the doll-maker

YOU COULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THOSE GUYS EASILY

MI... MIO-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG?

.....

WHAT!?

WHAT...

WHAT'S GOING ON!?

Yeah ...

Grandpa Gepetto!

That was...

YOU MEAN... THAT WAS...

THE PERSON THAT MADE YOUR BEAR (THE OWNER CLAIMS IT'S A RABBIT)?

THEY SAID HE WAS A MASTER CRAFTSMAN WHO WOULD FULFILL ANY ORDER PERFECTLY!

WAIT, IV'E HEARD OF THE NAME "GEPETTO" BEFORE!

Yeah

THIS IS THE DOLL-MAKER'S HOUSE?

WHAT ...

HAPPENED...

There used to be a small village here

IT'S COM-PLETELY ABAN-DONED...

Huh?

WAIT! I HEAR SOME-THING!

Yeah!

—UNDER-HERE!

MIO-CHAN!

Here I go

A BASE-MENT

!!

Grand-pa!

WHOA !?

MIO-KUN!

YOU ARE...

I SEE ...

SO YOU RAN INTO THEM

WHY ARE THERE TWO DOLL-MAKERS!?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

I'M SORRY

IT'S ALL MY FAULT!

Dollmaker Gepetto

Here! Have some of Mio's Special Soup

LIVING DOLLS?

ﾋﾞｸｯ!?

THE LIVING DOLLS!

THEY'RE MY CRE-ATIONS ...

!

ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO...

I OBTAINED THE BRAIN OF ONE OF THE CLONE TROOPS

ONCE THEY WERE COMPLETE, THEY WENT OUT OF CONTROL IMMEDIATELY. THEY TOOK MY BACKUP BODY, AND POSED AS ME. THEY EVEN TOOK TO KILLING HUMANS TO MAINTAIN THEIR BODIES

HE'S NOT EATING IT

"I WANT TO BREATHE LIFE INTO MY DOLLS..." IT WAS MY DREAM AS A DOLLMAKER

I... HAD THE URGE TO USE IT TO CREATE A LIVING DOLL

I...

BUT... THAT WAS A MISTAKE

.....

SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED...

I TRIED TO STOP THEM, AND ENDED UP LIKE THIS

I WAS HELD CAPTIVE IN THIS BASEMENT

THERE'S A SECRET HIDDEN IN THAT DOLL...

BUT... WHY DID THEY...

THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THAT!

WHAT'S INSIDE THAT HEAVY DOLL?

TAKE SOMETHING LIKE MIO-CHAN'S DOLL?

ORIHAL-CUM?

IT'S ORIHAL-CUM

IT WAS PROBABLY A RESULT OF THE NEW BOMBS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES AFFECTING EACH OTHER IN UNKNOWN WAYS, LIKE THE NEEDLESS

IT WAS ONE OF THE RARE METALS THAT WAS FIRST DISCOVERED IN THE BOMBSITE AFTER THE WAR

THAT'S PROBABLY WHY THEY WENT AFTER THE ORIHAL-CUM

ORIHALCUM IS EXTREMELY DURABLE YET ELASTIC

THEY USE IT FOR ARTIFICIAL BONES AND SUCH

BRIGHT RED DIA-MONDS AND STEEL THAT WILL NEVER RUST

YOU'VE HEARD OF IT TOO, RIGHT?

YES

MIO-KUN'S DOLL OF ULTIMATE WEIGHT..!

HIS BONES ARE JUST REINFORCED WITH A SPE-CIAL METAL, HE'S STILL A HUMAN

I SEE! THEN THE METAL INSIDE THE FATHER'S BONES!

IS SOME-THING I MADE USING THAT TECHNOL-OGY

COULD TURN IT INTO ONE OF THE HEAVI-EST METALS ON EARTH

AND A FEW YEARS AGO, IT WAS FOUND THAT A SPECIAL PROCESS AP-PLIED TO ORI-HALCUM...

OH?

THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW ...

IT WAS CORRECT TO HAVE LET YOU LIVE!

GE-PETTO ...

THEY'RE ALREADY HERE!

I WON'T LET YOU DO THAT!

IF WE APPLY EXTREME MASS INCREASE TO OUR BODIES

Yeah!

MIO-KUN, PLEASE!

DEFEAT THOSE TWO!

WE WILL BE THE ULTIMATE BEINGS!

WHAT AN UGLY HOSTAGE! THAT'S DIRTY, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE!

Bunny!

HOLD IT...

DO YOU CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS!?

FUFUFU... HUMANS ARE SUCH STUPID CREA-TURES

LOVING SUCH UGLY DOLLS LIKE THIS BEAR... AND FURTHERMORE, CALLING IT A RABBIT...

CRAP, THAT'S ABSO-LUTELY TRUE!

NO!

YOU ARE THE FOOLISH ONES!

HUH?

WHAT!?

THE LAST SECRET HIDDEN IN THAT DOLL!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW ...

ごごごご

IS THAT WHAT YOU MEAN?

I SEE...

SO THIS DOLL STILL HAS A SECRET GREATER THAN THE ORIHALCUM

...IT'S OKAY...

GEPETTO-SAN! DON'T TELL THEM! WE'LL BE KILLED ANYWAY!

IF YOU SPILL THE SECRET.. I'LL LET YOU ALL LIVE

VERY WELL

ONE GIRL CAME TO MY WORKSHOP ON A TESTAMENT FROM SIMEON

SHE WAS HOLDING A DESIGN SHE CAME UP WITH!..

WHAT!? WE NEED A FLASH-BACK!?

IT WAS A FEW YEARS BACK...

.....

OH... THIS IS A VERY UNIQUE BEAR

IT'S AS IF... IT BEARS OVER THOSE WHO SEE IT...

Rabbit!

Can you make this?

No?

WELL... HOW ABOUT WE MAKE THE EARS LONG LIKE THIS?

It's a bunny

...YES?

These are the ears

Ears

Deco-ration

I SEE!

WHAAAT?!

WERE REALLY EARS!

WHAT WE THOUGHT WERE THE EYES...

YES MASTER

QT! LIFT UP THOSE EARS!

SO... THAT WAS A RABBIT WITH DROOPING EARS!

INTER-ESTING... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...

ペロ..

ペロ

ペロ

THIS RABBIT'S EARS..!

THE BEAR TURNED INTO A FROG!!!

THAT'S FRIGHT-ENING!!!!

IT'S SAFROG!!!

It's a bunny

Yep!

NOW! WHILE THEY'VE TAKEN DAMAGE TO THEIR EMOTIONAL CIRCUITRY!

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KYAAA

RIBBIT

ROCKET!!!

...THAT'S A FROG

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GUAAA!

HERE

BACK TO NORMAL

The next morning—

INTER-ESTING...

GREAT, IT'S FIXED!

Thanks grandpa!

THE BRAIN CIRCUITRY OF HUMANS... IS IMMEASUR-ABLE

Now, let's go~

WELL IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A RABBIT TO US EITHER

TO BE ABLE TO CALL THAT FROG A RABBIT...

PEW PEW

-SCANLATIONS-

#53 ADVENTURE "FALLING GIRL" I

Area S33

Cruz-kun~

Did you find anyone?

NO. THERE'S NOBODY HERE

I GUESS NO ONE CAME BACK HERE AFTER ALL

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But ...

What are you going to do now?

HM... DO YOU THINK YOU CAN KEEP THIS PLACE A SECRET FROM SIMEON?

Sure!

Wow, so this is the kind of place you've been living in

AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE ELSE THEY MIGHT BE

GOOD QUESTION. I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE FATHER PICKED ME UP

I FEEL LIKE DYING...

What's wrong?

ANYTHING AT ALL! REMEMBER SOMETHING ABOUT FATHER!

REMEMBER!

The guilds?

YEAH

MIO-CHAN, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GUILDS?

I KNOW!

SETO-SAN AND SOLVA-SAN ARE SUPPOSED TO BE IN ONE OF THOSE. FATHER SAID HE USED TO BE WITH ONE TOO

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クックック……

貴様が人助けとは笑えるな 掠奪者！

THERE ARE ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THIS BLACK SPOT THAT TAKE CARE OF ANYTHING FOR A FEE

IF WE GO THERE

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WE JUST MIGHT FIND SOME-THING

HEY, KID! MORE ER-RANDS ?

HERE, THE USUAL

OH, THANKS

EVE-SAN SENT ME OUT HERE TO SHOP A LOT.

This town is bus-tling

NO, I'M LOOKING FOR SOMEONE

WHAT'S UP? A CON-FLICT?

?

UM, UHHH ...

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE GUILD IS?

HM? WHAT? A GUILD ?

DO YOU KNOW ?

HMM... HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANYTHING LIKE THAT AROUND HERE

UNDER-GROUND CITY?

AH, THERE

BUT IT'S DANGER-OUS

THE CLOSEST GUILD FROM HERE...

ISN'T THAT OVER AT THE UNDER-GROUND CITY?

IN SEWERS AND SUBWAYS THAT STOPPED FUNCTIONING AFTER THE WAR

AND THE ONE SETTLE-MENT LIKE THIS THAT STILL RE-MAINS IS CALLED THE UN-DERGROUND CITY

WHAT, YOU DON'T KNOW?

THIS BLACK SPOT WAS ORIGI-NALLY OFF-LIMITS, SO THE FIRST PEOPLE TO LIVE HERE HID UNDER-GROUND

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

BE CARE-FUL

That sounds like fun! let's go!

YEAH!

THE UN-DER-GROUND CITY...

IT'S SUP-POSED TO BE UP AHEAD HERE

Cruz-kun, have you ever been to the un-derground city?

MY SISTER AND THE OTHERS TOLD ME TO STAY AWAY FROM THE UNDERGROUND BECAUSE IT'S DANGEROUS

BUT I NEVER SAW A CITY DOWN HERE

NO, I'VE USED AN UNDER-GROUND PAS-SAGE LIKE THIS TO GET TO ANOTHER BLACK SPOT,

A friend in the girl squad went there for a mission once and told me all about it

But I've heard that the people there have been there a long time

It's Mio's first time too~

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MIO-CHAN?

WHOA!

Is this it?

Hey!

A CITY LIKE THIS UNDER-GROUND ...

WHOA ...

I WONDER IF THEY'RE ALL NEEDLESS

IT SURE IS SCARY

=//0…

OH! GREAT!

It's over there ~

the guild ~

GUILD

UM ...

I'M LOOKING FOR SOME PEOPLE, SETO-SAN AND SOLVA-SAN

ARE THEY AT THIS GUILD?

AND WE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO ANY OTHER ORGA-NIZATION

I SEE ...

IT'S NOT THAT EASY

THERE ARE MANY GUILDS BIG AND SMALL IN THIS BLACK SPOT,

CAN'T SAY I'VE EVER HEARD THOSE NAMES BEFORE

WHAT 'LL IT BE ?

ALL WE CAN DO FOR YOU IS TO TAKE ON A PAYING CON-TRACT TO SEARCH FOR THEM

OR SELL YOU INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER NEARBY GUILDS. THAT'S IT

THEN... CAN YOU LOOK UP THE GUILD THEY'RE IN?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO...

HMMM... BUT... WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY...

HIM AGAIN ...

.....

Huh ?

I'M SERIOUS! YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

ARE YOU HERE ABOUT THE 'GHOST' AGAIN?

IF SO, JUST GO HOME

HEY, YOU

HOW RIDICULOUS

HMPH

IF YOU THINK I'M LYING, COME WITH ME!

YES MA'AM

TAKE HIM AWAY FROM HERE

STOP IT!

THEN YOU'LL HEAR THAT VOICE TOO!

G... Ghost ...?

IT'S THE GHOST OF A GIRL WHO FELL FROM THE SKY 5 DAYS AGO!

HOLD ON

auuu... let's go Cruz-kun

IT'S TRYING TO CRAWL OUT OF THE HOLE!

THAT'S THE DAY OF THE EVENT AT THE SIMEON BUILDING!

5 DAYS AGO...

"FELL FROM THE SKY"

"5 DAYS AGO"

OH ... UM ...

IT MIGHT BE SOMEONE WE'RE LOOKING FOR!

PLEASE!

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.....

COULD YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT EAR-LIER?

WHY WOULD YOU BRATS CARE

WHAT

5 DAYS AGO, I DIDN'T GO TO THE SIMEON BUILDING. I STAYED HERE

BUT THINGS TURNED UGLY. TESTAMENTS CAME AROUND TO HUNT DOWN ANYONE THAT DIDN'T PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT

TO AVOID CAPTURE I FLED TO AN UNUSED RESIDENTIAL AREA, DEEPER THAN THIS PLACE

SUDDENLY I HEARD A HUGE SOUND FROM ABOVE

AND A GIRL CAME FALLING DOWN

WHEN I LOOKED UP IN SURPRISE

I NOTICED SOMETHING

THAT GIRL ...

WAS HOLDING A HEAD

-RRRR

FOR A MOMENT OUR EYES MET

YEAH

THE GIRL AND THE HEAD

THEIR FOUR EYES WERE WIDE OPEN!

A ...

A HEAD !?

HY-AAAAAA...

AND FROM THAT NIGHT ON

I BEGAN HEARING SOMETHING SCRATCHING AGAINST STEEL

AND THE MOANING OF A GIRL FROM THE BOTTOM OF THIS HOLE

SO IT'S PROB-ABLY... THE GHOST OF A GIRL WHO DOESN'T KNOW SHE DIED, TRYING TO CRAWL BACK TO THE SURFACE!

I CAN SAY ONE THING FOR SURE: THERE'S NO WAY A HUMAN CAN FALL SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS DOWN THIS HOLE AND LIVE

UM ...

HOW CAN I GET TO THAT UNUSED RESIDEN-TIAL AREA?

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I'm scared, I'm scared~

BUT DON'T HAUNT ME IF YOU DIE

I DON'T CARE IF YOU GO

IT MIGHT BE EVE-SAN AND THE OTHERS!

What? you want to go there, Cruz-kun!?

HE WAS RIGHT

EVEN A NEEDLESS WOULDN'T SURVIVE A FALL FROM HERE

Old Residential Area

'Kay

BE CAREFUL, THESE STRUCTURES ARE ALL PROBABLY FALLING APART

LET'S SEE HOW FAR WE CAN GET

Ooh~ so high up~~

I STILL CAN'T SEE THE BOTTOM...

Don"t look down!

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la~

LOOKING UP ISN'T AN OPTION!

CRAP

AAAAAAAAA
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MIO-
CHAN!
AHH!

Landing success~

PHEW

!!!

GREAT WORK, MIO-CHA...

CRUZ-KUN!

NOOO!

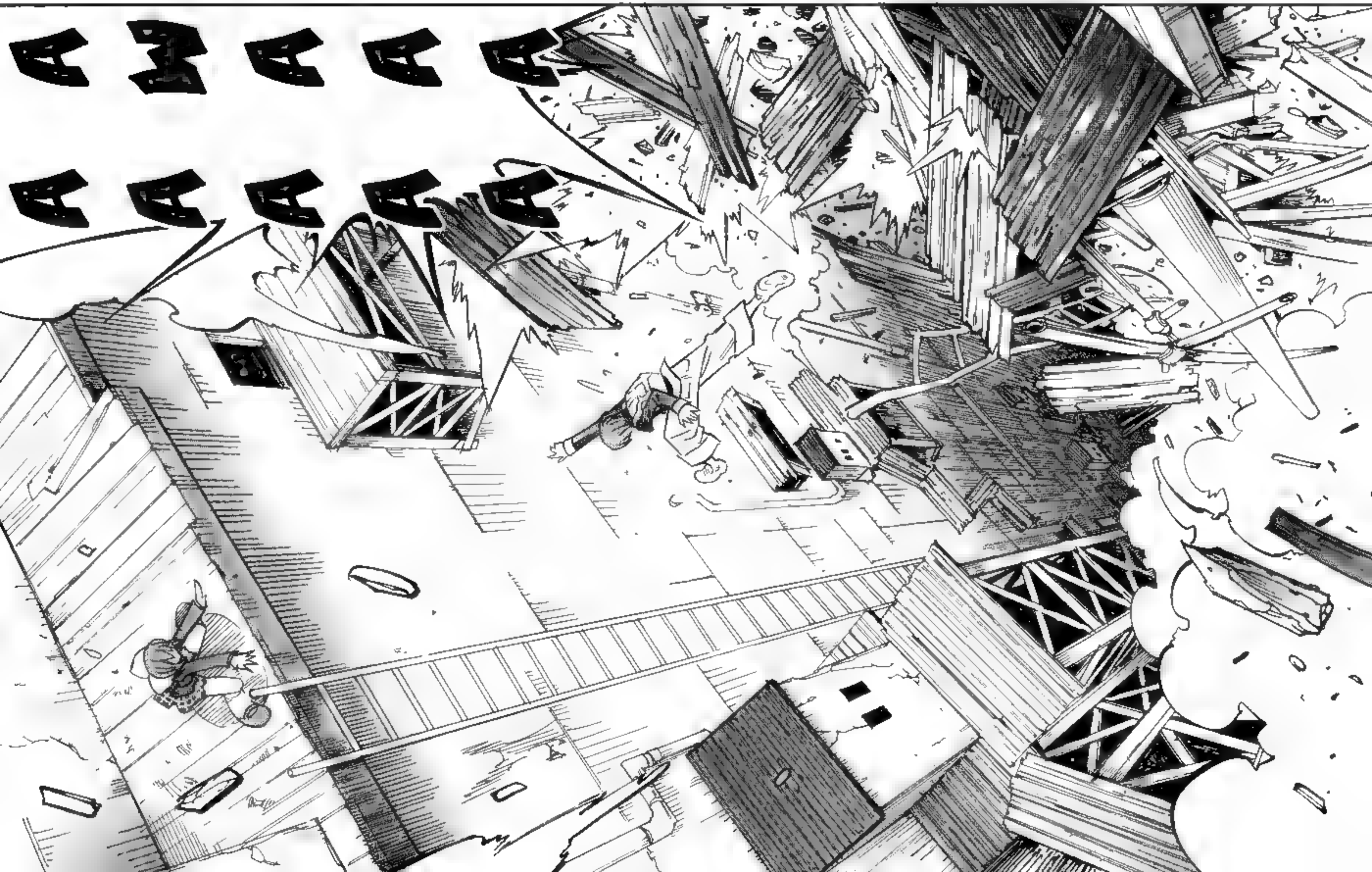
CRUZ-KUN!

OH NO

IT'S FALLING APART!

UWAAA

JUMP THIS WAY!



CAN'T REACH!

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ITS ...

ITS OVER!

... HUH ?

Got ya!

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Ah
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Nice
catch
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Cruz-
kun!

Nice
jump
!

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I WONDER HOW MUCH FURTHER THERE IS TO GO!!!

WE'VE COME PRETTY FAR DOWN

Me too!

Could it be?

I HEARD IT HIT THE BOTTOM!

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HMM ...

Yay! We made it~~~!

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THAT'S ...

NO WAY ...

PEW PEW

-SCANLATIONS-

NEEDLESS

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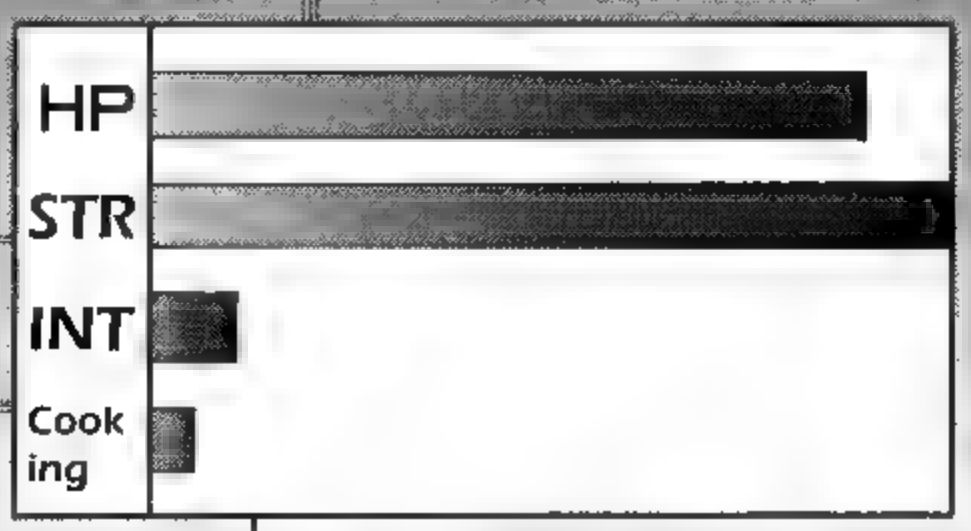

EVE-SAN!

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HH-HH!

Cruz-kun! Is she alive?

OH, THAT'S RIGHT!!

WHA, WHA, WHAT SHOULD I DO!?

EVE-SAN REALLY DID FALL ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE!

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Cruz-kun, around us...

WHAT'S WRONG?

SHE'S ALIVE!!

MIO-CHAN! SHE'S ALIVE!

ah...

FROM THE WAR, MAYBE?
YOU'RE RIGHT. THESE ARE REALLY OLD MODELS

A GRAVE-YARD OF TESTA-MENTS
THIS PLACE IS LIKE

Don't worry
AHH! TESTA-MENTS!
It looks like they're not moving

EVE-SAN!

YOU'RE CON-SCIOUS!

YAMADA ...?

.....

...

YEAH ...

BUT I CAN'T MOVE

I RAN OUT OF ENERGY WHILE I WAS RE-PAIRING MYSELF

WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE!

GOT IT!

Yep! I'm here to save you!

WITH US FOR NOW

AH, UM, MIO-CHAN'S ...

I SEE

HM?

.....

WHAT, YAMADA, ARE YOU WITH SIMEON NOW?

EVE-SAN, ARE YOU ALONE?

OH! THAT'S RIGHT ...

HUH ?

A GHOST ?

But I'm glad~ that it wasn't a ghost!

THAT GIRL... WAS HOLDING A HEAD

WE WERE TOLD THAT ANOTHER PERSON FELL DOWN WITH YOU

BUT NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT

I THINK I HEARD SOMETHING RUSTLING AROUND HERE...

WHEN I WOKE UP I WAS DOWN HERE

NO... I DON'T REMEMBER A THING

AND I'VE BEEN MOSTLY UNCON-SCIOUS UNTIL NOW

EH?

Yeah ...

SOMETH-ING'S MAKING NOISE...

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THERE'S NO WAY

THAT A HUMAN CAN FIT IN THAT SPACE!

COULD IT ACTU-ALLY BE A GHOST...?

R, really?

SOME THING' S OVER THERE

Got it!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

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MIO-CHAN! SOMETHING'S WRONG!

YEAH ...

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That noise has gotta be a mouse or something...

Right?

SINCE WHEN HAVE MICE EYES GLOWED LIKE THAT ...

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WE MANAGED TO MAKE IT ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE SO...

THIS IS BAD

THE ENTIRE PIT IS FALLING APART!

OH NO!!

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HELP

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ACK ...

SOME-HOW WE'RE AL-RIGHT...

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Cruz-kun...

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HUH?

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I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY

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It's alright, just hurry and climb up~

Nya ...

AHHHHHHHHH

は,

SURE, BUT

は,

THIS IS ALL I CAN MANAGE

Eh?

Cruz-kun!
Guh
YAMADA
...
はあ…

YOUR ARM'S GOING TO BE RIPPED OFF!

HURRY!

I...

I can't do that!

...LET ME GO

YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO PULL ME UP

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uu ...

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WHAT'S WRONG ?

ARE YOU SCARED ?

I'LL WAIT DOWN BELOW UNTIL THEN

YOU GUYS SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE

YOU CAN GET HELP AND COME BACK FOR ME LATER

BUT...

IT'S OKAY

But Eve-chan, this place is about to collapse!

And you're hurt all over and can't use your powers, right?

YOU'RE LYING

EVE-SAN...

FOR ME...

I...

I'LL BE FINE...

NEED-LESS AREN'T THAT WEAK RIGHT?

EVE-SAN

I'M SORRY

WHAT'S WITH YOU?

I DON'T HATE YOU OR ANYTHING

I'M SORRY ...

NOW ...

WHAT?

Cruz-kun!

THIS ARM ...

I FORGOT ...

I'M SORRY!

!

THIS LIFE ...

!!

YOU GAVE THESE TO ME!

So...

I DON'T CARE IF I HAVE TO RIP MY ARM OFF TO SAVE YOU!

IF IT MEANS I CAN HELP YOU EVEN A LITTLE, THEN

YAMADA...

IT'S A CHEAP PRICE TO PAY!!!!

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Good job Cruz-kun!

Okay!

MIO-CHAN, TAKE EVE-SAN!

YEAH

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What ...

Hang on just a little longer Cruz-kun!

Climb up Mio's body!

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WON'T MOVE ANY MORE

MY BODY

AHA HA... SORRY ...

There's a place to rest if we make it just a bit farther

!!

AHH... I TRIED, BUT...!

IN THE END I COULDN'T DO IT

IF EVE-SAN LIVES AND NOT ME...

HOWEVER...

FATHER AND THE OTHERS WILL PROBABLY BE HAPPIER

FORGIVE ME, RIGHT?

THEY'LL...

MAYBE NOW I CAN FINALLY REST...

AH...

Hey!
Just how pessi-mistic are you kid!

Cruz-kun!

WHAZ

YAMADA!

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WHAAAAAT!?

WHAT

IS THIS ...

WHY DID YOU SAVE ME?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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I'M BACK

IT'S ME

HUH ...

YOU'RE FOCUSING ON THE WRONG THING!

IT'S JUST A HEAD !!!

DISC-1 SAN!!!

DI...

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THIS?

HEY, GIRL

.....

OR MAYBE ...

Nya?

Nya~~!

WHA!?

YOU'RE JUST WORRIED ABOUT THESE PANTIES?

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I'M SORRY I WAS HOLD-ING ONTO IT!

I WAS CLIMBING OUT OF THIS HOLE TO CHASE AFTER YOU GUYS

IT WAS PRETTY SUPRISING WHEN PANTIES AND CRUZ-KUN CAME DOWN TO ME INSTEAD

YOUTHFUL FANTASIES ...

HEY NOW! THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE TALKING ABOUT CRUZ-KUN'S YOUTHFUL FANTASIES

THIS PLACE IS COLLAPSING!

GOT IT!

EVERY-ONE HOLD ON!

'K!

WE'RE GOING UP!

UWAAA

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KYA! MY HEAD!! CRUZ-KUN, CATCH ME!

OUCH!

IT'S HERE

SEE! DON'T YOU HEAR IT!?

I DIDN'T COME OUT HERE TO PUT UP WITH YOUR NON-SENSE

I'M JUST CHECKING THIS PLACE OUT BE-CAUSE I HEARD THOSE KIDS WENT DOWN HERE

WAIT... THIS IS BAD! THIS IS THE SOUND OF THE OLD RESIDEN-TIAL AREA BELOW COLLAPS-ING!

ARE YOU SERI-OUS!? THEY'RE GOING TO BE BURIED ALIVE!

DO WE HAVE ANY WALL CLIMBERS OR LEVITATORS?

NO, NOT IN OUR GUILD...

HEY, CUT IT OUT

OH?

THOSE KIDS NEVER WOULD HAVE GONE DOWN THIS HOLE IF YOU HADN'T MADE THAT COMMOTION!!

SERI-OUSLY!?

YOU SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ME! THIS IS THE CURSE OF THE GHOST AND THE HEAD!

WHAT!?

!!

SOME-THING'S COMING!

Gimme back my pant-ies~~

OHHHHHHHHH!

DON'T LOOK DON'T LOOK DON'T LOOK

JUST WHAT'RE YOU PRAY-ING FOR?

LOOK. IT'S A HEAD

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WE...

WE MADE IT

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WOW

it's been a while since we last saw the sun~~

I GET IT THE HEAD NOW! THAT GUY SAW WAS YOU, DISC-SAN!

I GUESS SO

THAT EX-PLOSION PROPELLED ME AND EVE-SAN IN THE SAME DIRECTION

THE FORCE WAS ENOUGH TO POP MY HEAD OFF, AND WE BOTH LANDED IN THAT PIT

BUT HOW DID YOU GET A TESTA-MENT?

USING ONLY MY HEAD!

WOAH, AMAZING!

OH, IT WASN'T EASY. I SCAVAN-GED ALL THE USABLE PARTS FROM THE TESTA-MENT REMNANTS AND ASSEMBLED THEM!

HE HE ...

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

THEY CALL ME... THE LIBRARY OF DIRTY JOKES!

I DON'T GET IT. MORE-OVER, STOP LOOKING AT THE CAMERA

Give them back~

I WAS TOO BUSY FINISHING THE RE-PAIRS AND DIVING INTO THE TESTAMENT'S BRAIN TO REALLY THINK ABOUT THAT

BUT... IF YOU HAD JUST SAID SOME-THING AT THE START THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE RAN AWAY

PROBABLY THE SOUND OF ME FIXING THIS TESTAMENT OVER THE LAST 5 DAYS

THEN THE SOUND OF METAL THAT GUY HEARD WAS...

YOU SEEM TO BE DOING JUST FINE

HERE, HERE

I REALLY CAN'T DO MUCH AS JUST A HEAD, YOU KNOW

gim~me

ANYWAY, I'M GLAD YOU FOUND ME

Yeah?

MIO-CHAA AAN!

HER INJURIES ARE STILL PRETTY BAD, SO SHE'S STAYING AT THE UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL

How's Eve-chan doing?

Nope, not yet

HOW'S IT GOING? DID YOU FIND DISC-SAN'S BODY?

IF SHE WASN'T A NEEDLESS THEN SHE WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED THESE LAST FEW DAYS AT THE BOTTOM OF THAT HOLE

I WAS ONLY ABLE TO ADMINISTER BASIC FIRST AID DOWN THERE, AND IT WASN'T MUCH HELP FOR ALL HER BROKEN BONES. IT'S A MIRACLE SHE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS AT ALL

THANK GOOD-NESS

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AT THAT POINT SHE CAN HEAL HERSELF. SHE'S NOT IN ANY DANGER

SHE SHOULD REGAIN HER STRENGTH IN A WEEK OR TWO

WILL SHE BE ALL RIGHT ?

YES! GOOD JOB!

Look, look! is this it?

AH!

!

OH DEAR

.....

HMM ?

THIS ISN'T GOOD

HMM ...

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

I THINK I CAN STILL RETRIEVE THE DATA ON THIS BODY, BUT THE BODY ITSELF IS COMPLETELY BROKEN

WHAT !?

I GUESS ...

.....

MY ONLY CHOICE

IS FOR YOU GUYS TO REPAIR MY BODY

THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!

I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT MA-CHINES ...

Nya

HUH? WHAT !?

DON'T WORRY

ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS GATHER THE MATERIALS

YOU JUST HAVE TO LOOK FOR THE PARTS AND RARE METALS I NEED TO REPAIR MY BODY

THEY CAN BE FOUND IN JUNK SHOPS, MINES, AND UN-TOUCHED RUINS

MATERI-ALS... YOU SAY?

RIGHT

YOU'RE TRAVEL-ING AROUND LOOKING FOR BLADE ANYWAY,

AND THE SPARE PARTS WILL PAY FOR EVE-SAN'S HOSPITAL FEES

WELL? YOU CAN KILL 3 BIRDS WITH 1 STONE

I SEE

Sounds like fun!

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN!

I UNDER-STAND!

HEY! GIRL! TREAT OTHER PEOPLE'S HEADS WITH CARE!!

OW!

Yeah!

ALRIGHT, THEN START-ING TOMOR-ROW, WE'LL LOOK FOR CITIES THAT MIGHT HAVE PARTS

We con-tinued our jour-ney with the body-less Disc-san

And so, after manag-ing to find Eve-san

WHAT? YOU'RE DOING THAT FIRST?

DIRTY JOKE DICTION-ARY. IN-STALL!

The next day

WOW ...

OH, REALLY THEN ? ENJOY THE RIDE

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME RIDING A TESTA-MENT

WAS IT FINE TO NOT BRING MIO-CHAN WITH US?

THE JUNK SHOP WE'RE GOING TO ISN'T FAR ON A TESTAMENT, SO WE SHOULD BE OK WITHOUT HER

IT'S BETTER IF SHE KEEPS WATCH ON EVE-SAN

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU TOOK THEM OR WHY YOU'RE WEARING THEM!

YOU KNOW, IT MIGHT HELP PAY FOR THE HOSPITAL IF WE SELL THEM TO THE RIGHT PERSON

AND JUST WHO ARE YOU GOING TO SELL IT TO?

OH THESE? WELL, SHE SAID THEY'RE STRETCHED OUT AND WON'T STAY ON, SO SHE GAVE IT TO ME

I DID BUY HER NEW ONES THOUGH

...AND WHY ARE YOU WEARING THOSE ON YOUR HEAD AGAIN!

DIDN'T YOU GIVE THEM BACK!?

HMM?

.....

WHAT'S THE MATTER ?

WE CAN'T GET THROUGH HERE

WE CAN'T GET TO THE JUNK STORE AHEAD LIKE THIS

THAT'S STRANGE. .. IT WAS CLEAR THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE

OUR ONLY CHOICE IS...

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

HOLD ON TIGHT!

DAAAAA AAAAAA

TO RIDE UP THE SIDES OF THESE WALLS!!!

YOU'LL BITE YOUR TONGUE, KID!

BUT MY LEFT ARM IS STILL ...

WHO ARE YOU!?

EHH!?

I'VE BEEN USING TESTAMENTS FOR 80 YEARS. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME!

DI-DI-DISC-SAN! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?

WHY, YOU ASK? BECAUSE THE MOUNTAIN IS THERE!

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT

That she is just a psychotic pilot?

Could it be

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MY SKILL WITH THE TESTAMENT!

HAHAHAHAHAHA! DID YOU SEE THAT!

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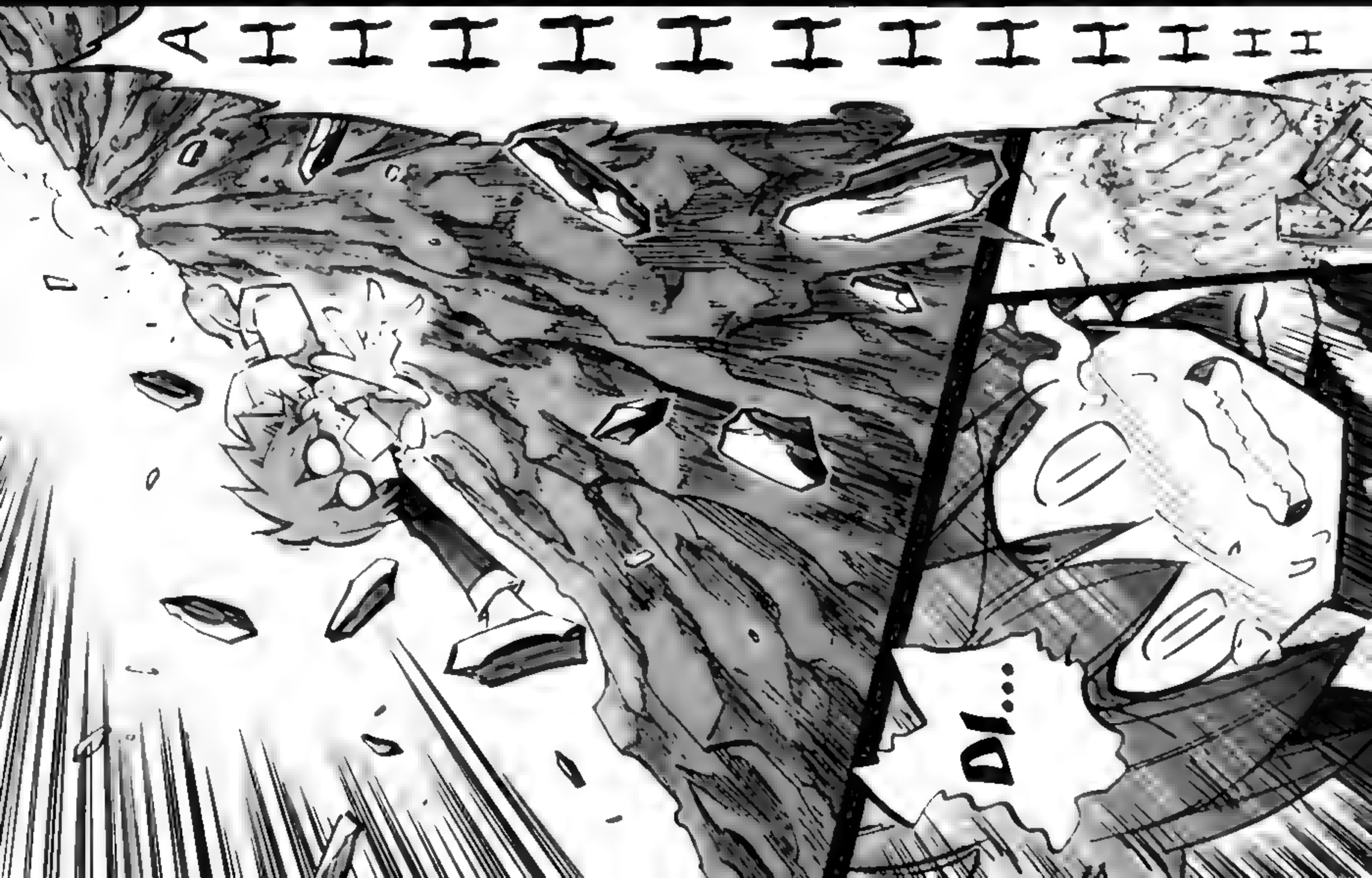
HUH?

...UH...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ディスクさん

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AHHHH

ッDISK-SAN YOU !!! IDIOOOOOOT!!!

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OH GOOD ...

I'M STILL ALIVE

OW OW OW ...

UGH ...

WHERE DID I LAND?

WHERE AM I?

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HUH?

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THIS IS...!

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SETSUNA!!!

I'M, I'M SORRY

HOW DO YOU KNOW WITHOUT EVEN SEEING MY FACE?

#56 ADVENTURE "ST. ROSE ACADEMY", I

WHERE THE HELL DID YOU COME FROM!?

WHAT ...

ANSWER ME!

ROSE ACADEMY ?

THE ROSE ACADEMY HAS EXTREMELY HIGH SECURITY

HOW DID YOU GET IN!?

UH, UM ...

I FELL ... FROM THE CLIFF ...

YOU SERIOUSLY FELL FROM THIS CLIFF?

Didn't see that coming

WHAT'S YOUR MOTIVE?

NO, I'M NOT!

YOU'RE A SPY, AREN'T YOU!

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!!

KY-AAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!! WHY AM I STILL HOLDING THESE!?

OH, SO YOU'RE HERE TO GET OUR UNDER-WEAR...

!!

Setsuna! These panties...

SETSUNA-SAN, YOU KNEW THAT WITHOUT SEEING HER FACE TOO

MIO'S PANTIES!

THESE ARE ...

WHAT

No mistaking that

UM ...

AH

WHY DO YOU HAVE THESE?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE MIO IS!?

!

MADAM!

.....

WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MATTER ?

Ah...

YOUR SHIFT IS ALMOST OVER

This is bad!

UH ...

HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED ?

UM ...

Madam Black
Tetsuyanagi Kuroko

THIS ...

.....

MY FRIEND HERE IS FEELING ILL

NO ...

.....

WHAT !?

TAKING HER TO MY ROOM

I'LL BE ...

YES, MADAM

GOOD DAY

IF THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG,

LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY

I SEE

23
出席番号
4
7
名前
Setsuna
Kuchinashi
UWAA!

IS MIO OKAY? EXPLAIN!
WHY DO YOU HAVE THESE?
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WHY DID YOU ...
NEVER MIND THAT, START TALKING!
OKAY
...

SO THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED

AH

.....

HUH?

I'M GLAD ...

.....

I'M JEAL-OUS

YOU'RE REALLY CLOSE

WHERE AM I?

SO ...

I WAS WORRIED A ROGUE MIGHT HAVE TRICKED HER AND DONE TERRIBLE THINGS TO HER

MIO'S GOT NO SENSE OF DIREC-TION. SHE CAN'T COOK, AND SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY MONEY

GIRL SQUAD TRANING SCHOOL ?

It's everyone's home and training grounds
It's kind of like a school

THIS IS THE GIRLS-ONLY GIRL SQUAD TRAINING SCHOOL FOUNDED BY RIRU-SAMA:

THE SAINT ROSE ACADEMY

WE ACTU-ALLY GRAD-UATED A LONG TIME AGO

BUT AS PUNISHMENT FOR FAILING OUR MOST RECENT MIS-SION, WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH TRAINING AGAIN

I SEE ...

THIS MORNING WE HAD GATE WATCHING DUTY

WE WERE LOOKING OUT FOR INTRUDERS

AND THEN YOU...

I NEVER THOUGHT ANYONE WITHOUT POWERS WOULD BE STUPID ENOUGH TO TRY JUMPING IN FROM THE CLIFFS

I'M SORRY

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I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND OUR SITUATION?

IF THEY FIND OUT THAT WE SLIPPED UP AND LET AN INTRUDER IN DURING RETRAINING IT'S GOING TO BE TERRIBLE!

REALLY !?

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

SO WE'LL LET YOU OUT OF HERE SECRETLY

ANYWAY... IT'S BETTER FOR ALL OF US IF YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT

ALSO, YOU LOOK LIKE CRAP

THEY'LL KNOW YOU'RE A BOY RIGHT AWAY IF YOU'RE WEARING THAT

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WHAT ?

THEN FIRST ...

YOU NEED A UNI-FORM

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LATELY, SIMEON'S BEEN OVER-WORKED WITH BUILDING REPAIRS AND SUCH

NOBODY'S MADE A FUSS ABOUT MIO, AND NOBODY WILL NOTICE ONE MORE STUDENT

NO, NOT THAT. I MEAN ...

CAN'T YOU JUST LET ME GO RIGHT AWAY?

THIS SCHOOL HAS VERY STRICT RULES TO AVOID ES-CAPES AND IN-TRUSIONS

MEMBERS IN TRAIN-ING CAN ONLY GO OUT ONCE A WEEK

THE GATES WON'T OPEN FOR ANOTHER THREE DAYS

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE

WHAT ?

RIGHT

BUT!

THAT MEANS ...

YOU WON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE UNTIL THEN

FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS ...

YOU WILL ONLY SURVIVE IF YOU PRETEND TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GIRL SQUAD

KUCHINASHI! GO BORROW A UNIFORM CLOSE TO THIS SIZE

Got it

NOW FOR THE UNDERWEAR ...

WHA... YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IF SOMEONE SEES YOU WITH BOY'S UNDERWEAR THEN YOU'RE DONE FOR

KUCHINASHI'S ARE ALL TOO SMALL AND STRINGY TO WORK FOR YOU, SO...

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THEY'RE ALL STRIPED

I CALL THEM BOR-DERED

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I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO LET YOU BORROW MINE!

WHICH WOULD YOU LIKE?

I don't want to because I am a man!

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WHAT !? BUT...

ALRIGHT, NOW TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES AND CHANGE!

Noooo ooooo ooooo

BE A MAN ABOUT THIS! HURRY UP AND PUT THIS ON!

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SIMEON

EXCUSE ME

ABOUT THE TOP SECRET CHIP...

IS ARC-LIGHT-SAMA STILL ...

Gregor

HE'S STILL RECOV-ERING

IN FACT, WE WERE JUST DISCUSS-ING HIS CONDITION

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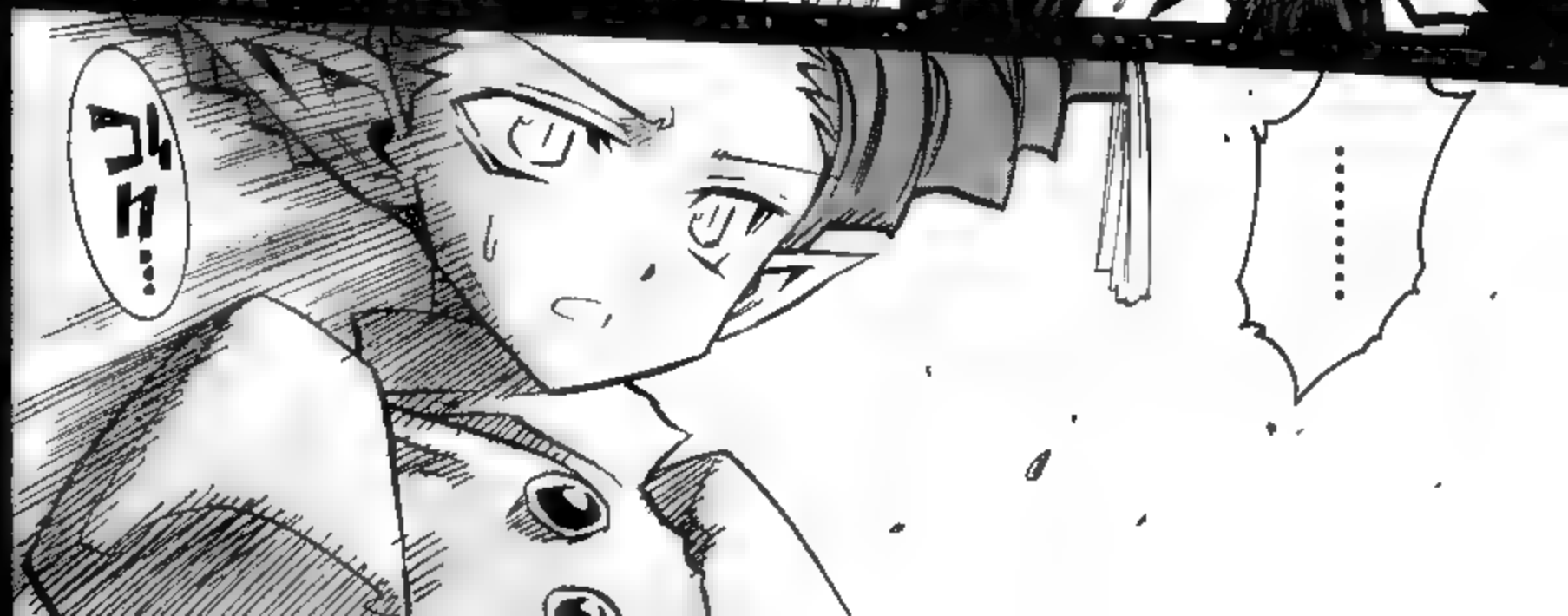
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IF HE WASN'T A CLONE OF GOD THEN HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ANNIHI-LATED

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EVEN THOUGH IT WAS SMALL, HE BECAME THE CENTER OF A BIG BANG

HE'S CHANGED SO MUCH ...

WHAT !?

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EVEN LIKE THIS HE'S STILL CUTE

RIGHT ?

SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU CAN'T READ IT BY ITSELF...

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YES!

THE REAL DATA ON THE CHIP WE RECOVERED FROM THE REMNANTS OF THE RESISTANCE ...

IT'S ACTUALLY ONLY HALF OF THE DATA WE'RE LOOKING FOR

WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANOTHER CHIP THAT CONTAINS THE REST OF IT

SO IF WE DON'T GET THE OTHER CHIP

THEN WE CAN'T ANALYZE ANY OF THE DATA

CORRECT ?

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HOW IRRITATING.

THE PEOPLE WE INTERRO-GATED REVEALED THAT THEY GAVE THE CHIP TO ARUKA-SAMA'S BROTHER

CAPTURE AND QUESTION EVERYONE THAT WAS INVOLVED WITH THE RESIS-TANCE

THAT BOY CRUZ MAY BE ALIVE SOME-WHERE AS WELL

ARUKA

SIR

SIR, SATEN-SAMA IS SEARCHING FOR THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE

YOU GO AS WELL

THIS IS THE RESULT OF YOUR MISTAKE

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UNDER-STOOD

Are you... still alive?

If so...

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HMM
...
UH...
UM...

DOESN'T THIS FIT YOU A LITTLE TOO WELL?

YOU KNOW ...

AHHH, SETSUNA-SAN...

That would be needless

SHOULD I STUFF YOUR CHEST TOO?

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

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I DIDN'T THINK IT'D SEEM THIS NATURAL

THE HAIR EXTENSIONS LOOK GOOD TOO

IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A COMPLIMENT ?

AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT STRIPPED NAKED, NOBODY WILL EVER FIND OUT

YOU SHOULD BE GLAD

WHY ME ...

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No, it's perfect!

KNOCK KNOCK

DON'T BE NERVOUS!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
SOMEONE'S HERE!

SETSUNA-SEMPAI!

HUH? WHAT?
ACT NORMAL, GOT IT?

WHAT'S UP?

THE HEADMISTRESS SAID SHE WANTED TO TALK TO YOU AFTER SCHOOL TODAY

Girl Squad Member: Rin

AH, SENPAI, GOOD MORNING

Girl Squad Member: Hinata

SENPAI, DID YOU DO SOMETHING?

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HUH?

SHE SEEMED TO BE CON-CERNED

OKAY, GOT IT. THANKS

I don't know...

OH NO... DID THEY ALREADY FIND OUT?

HMM? GUESTS ?
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HUH!? UM... !
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
Not your real name!
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UM, OH! REALLY ?
IS THAT SO?
OH? I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU BEFORE
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RIGHT!
YAMADA-SAN!
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME!
I'M YAMADA ...
I ...

AH, THAT WOULD MAKE YOU MY SENPAI

I'M HINATA, I'M ON THE HEALTH COMMIT-TEE

I'M RIN, THE CHAIR OF THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

NICE TO MEET YOU, YAMADA-SENPAI

UH, UM, NICE TO MEET YOU TOO...

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PHEW

This is going to be tough

THEY'RE GONE

I CALLED MYSELF YAMADA...

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It's your destiny

SOME-THING'S FISHY ...

WHAT ?

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THAT'S WHAT'S FISHY!

YOU'VE NEVER MET THAT GIRL EITHER, RIGHT?

BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF SQUAD MEMBERS, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WE HAVEN'T MET

REALLY ?

JUST BECAUSE SHE WAS WITH SOMEONE WE DON'T KNOW?

SETSUNA-SENPAI WAS ACTING A BIT ODD

I SEE ...

SHE'S PART OF THE THREE NEEDLESS GROUP THAT, WHEN WORK-ING TO-GETHER, CAN MATCH ONE OF SIMEON'S DIVINE KINGS

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YEAH, BUT THIS IS SETSUNA-SENPAI WE'RE TALKING ABOUT

AND THE HEADMIS-TRESS

SHE LOOKED PRETTY SERIOUS

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SETSUNA-SENPAI

IS DEFINITELY HIDING SOMETHING!

YEAH, SOMETHINGS DEFINITELY GOING ON!

LET'S INVESTI-GATE!

SETSUNA-SENPAI HAS A SPECIAL TRAINING SHELTER IN THE SIMEON BUILDING

SHE'S WHAT YOU WOULD CALL AN ELITE

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'LL BE SELECTED FOR THE ACTIVE SQUAD ...

BUT EVEN IF WE FIGURE THIS OUT AND TRAP HER

HUH?

YOU THINK SO?

SEE? DOESN'T THAT SOUND GOOD?

INDEED, IT DOES

WE CAN BLACKMAIL HER INTO USING HER INFLUENCE TO GET US ON TO THE ACTIVE SQUAD

IF WE FIND HER WEAKNESS ...

AND THEN WE CAN KISS THIS TRAINING SCHOOL GOODBYE

I SEE ...

INVESTI-GATE!

LET'S ...

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NEEDLESS⑧(完)

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